

#13 Request Recons.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hiroto HORIKAWA

Application No.: 09/139,296

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For: STAGE UNIT, DRIVE TABLE, AND SCANNING EXPOSURE APPARATUS USING SAME



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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 22, 1999, Applicant requests reconsideration of this application for the reasons set forth below.

I. STATUS OF PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP

On January 11, 1999, a Petition to Correct Inventorship, along with an Amendment of Inventorship was filed. The Petition and Amendment deleted the first named inventor, Toshio OHTOMO, in view of the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, which cancelled claims 1-27. Thus, the only inventor of the present application should be Hiroto HORIKAWA.

The April 22 Office Action did not acknowledge the Petition and Amendment to Correct Inventorship. It is requested that the Petition be granted and that the inventorship be amended as noted above.

II. THE CLAIMS DEFINE PATENTABLE SUBJECT MATTER OVER U.S. PATENT NO. 5,850,280

The Office Action rejects claims 28-31 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 5,850,280 to Ohtomo et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.